Handloom clusters in Maharashtra

1796. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it proposed to set up handloom clusters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating their locations in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme has been introduced during the year 2005-06. 20 clusters were selected during the year 2005-06 by the Government of India in different States for their holistic development. Further, additional 100 clusters in different parts of the country have been selected in 2006-07 in consultation with the State Government and Weavers' Service Centre concerned. This includes 3 clusters in the State of Maharashtra i.e. (i) Yeola, Distt. Nasik, (ii) Mohadi, Distt. Bhandara and (iii) Kamptee, Distt. Nagpur.

12.00 NOON

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Notification of the Ministry of Defence

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): Sir, I lay on the Table, under section 12 of the Army Act, 1950, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Defence Notification S.O. 135 (E) dated the 29th October, 2006, amending Notification No. S.R.O. 1, dated the 31st December, 1992, regarding the Bifurcation of the Regiment of Artillery and creation of Regiment of Air Defence Artillery to facilitate induction of women officers. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 5866/07]

Notification of the Ministry of Rural Development

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): Sir, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (i) of section 33 of the National Employment Guarantee Fund Act, 2006, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Rural Development Notification G.S.R.